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LETTUCE

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1. REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF CHEMICALS IN US ARE
PROMULGATED AND ENFORCED BY STATE DEPTS. OF AGRIC, USDA,
FDA AND EPA. ANY PRODUCT EXCEEDING TOLERANCE STANDARDS
SET BY THESE GROUPS CAN BE STOPPED AT ANY POINT FROM
HARVESTING TO DELIVERY. NO DIFFERENCE IN STANDARDS FOR
EXPORTED AND HOME CONSUMED PRODUCE AND REGULATIONS APPLY
TO ALL PRODUCERS WITHOUT EXCEPTION. CALIFORNIA DEPT.
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FOOD AND AGRIC HAS MAJOR ROLE IN ENFORCING REGULATIONS

RE CALIFORNIA GRAPES AND LETTUCE. THEY REPORT NO ILLEGAL RESIDUE OR OVER TOLERANCE ON LETTUCE OR GRAPE SAMPLES TESTED THIS YEAR.

2. CALIFORNIA DEPT. FOOD AND AGRIC REPORTS 2, 4-D; 2,4, 5-T; ALDRIN; ENDRIN; DDT; DDD; AND MONITOR 4 NOT REPEAT NOT CLEARED FOR USE ON GRAPES OR LETTUCE. DIELDRIN USE RECENTLY CANCELLED BY EPA, BUT EXISTING STOCKS COULD BE USED ACCORDING TO LABEL INSTRUCTIONS. BELIEVE STOCKS

VIRTUALLY DEPLETED BUT POSSIBLE SOME DIELDRIN USED EARLY THIS YEAR WITHIN ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES.

3. PHOSDRIN MAY BE APPLIED UP TO 2 DAYS PRIOR TO HARVEST FOR GRAPES (AT RATE OF 1.0 LBS PER ACRE) AND LETTUCE(AT RATE OF 0.5 LB. PER ACRE) AND 4 DAYS PRIOR TO HARVEST FOR LETTUCE AT RATE OF 0.5-1.0 LB. PER ACRE.

4. PARATHION MAY BE APPLIED NO CLOSER THAN 14 DAYS PRIOR TO HARVEST FOR GRAPES (AT RATE OF 2.5 LB. PER ACRE) AND NO CLOSER THAN 7 DAYS PRIOR TO HARVEST FOR LETTUCE AT

RATE OF 0.5 PER ACRE.

5. TEPP NOT APPROVED FOR LETTUCE. APPROVED FOR GRAPES AND CAN BE APPLIED UP TO 4 DAYS PRIOR TO HARVEST.

6. IN ADDITION TO REGULATING CHEMICALS AND APPLICATION TO PROTECT BOTH WORKER AND CONSUMER CALIFORNIA DEPT. FOOD AND AGRIC ALSO REGULATES DATES OF REENTRY TO TREATED FIELDS TO PROTECT WORKERS.

7. SINCE MOST CONTRACTS NOW IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN UNIONS AND GROWERS UNABLE QUOTE EXACT LANGUAGE

WE WILL POUCH COPY OF NEW UFW CONTRACT AS SOON AS ONE IS AVAILABLE. US DEPT. OF AGRIC ADVISED BY CALIFORNIA STATE AUTHORITIES THAT LANGUAGE IN LABOR CONTRACTS REQUIRES AT LEAST CONFORMITY WITH STATE AND FED. REGS.

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8. CURRENTLY THERE IS NO BOYCOTT ON GRAPES OR LETTUCE IN FORCE IN CALIFORNIA AND ITS NEW STATE LAW OUTLAWS SECONDARY BOYCOTTS. ON OTHER HAND UFW HAS INDICATED PUBLICLY THAT BOYCOTT MAY BE RESUMED IN OTHER PLACES IF STATE LABOR AUTHORITIES DO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH CERTIFYING ELECTION RESULTS AND PROCESSING CHALLENGES.

9. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE IN HANDLING QUERIES FROM

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